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SENATOR COLLAN: I'll withdraw that motion.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

CLERK: Do you want to withdraw your return of 33A?

SENATOR COLLAN: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a resolution, LR 532 will be referred to the Executive Board. Do you want to take care of your motion now, Senator Warner? I move to suspend Rule 7, Section 7 relative to the requirement of unanimous consent for reconsidering reconsideration of LR 532. Signed, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Chair now recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would make two motions. This one is to suspend the rules, Rule 7, Section 7 which prohibits the reconsideration of a reconsideration motion. That will require, I assume, 30 votes. Then I would follow that with a motion to reconsider, which will leave 532 on Final Reading. I would assume that next week they would still need a motion, at that point, to reconsider the emergency clause that I would not support, and I hope no one who is a supporter of the bill originally would make an attempt to see me. I think it is important that there is a pending appropriation bill for the operation of state government.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I would just agree completely with Senator Warner. If you do nothing else, breathe life back into the major appropriations bill. Breathe life into the bill and then deal with it next week.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 1 nay, 6 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries.

SENATOR WARNER: Now Mr. President, I merely move that LR 532 be reconsidered. I assume that takes 33 votes. I would assume, next Wednesday, the motion will still have to then be made to have it reconsidered with the emergency clause. My interest is only in having a live bill for reconsideration next Wednesday.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Warner, if we do this, anything that the Governor vetoes, is it true we cannot override (inaudible) line-item veto.

SENATOR WARNER: That would be correct. That is correct in any event now. That would be true in any event now. The only way you could do that would be to extend the session. That is an argument we can make next week.

SENATOR NICHOL: So you are willing to have us reconsider this bill and forfeit all rights to any veto override?

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